

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
121 S. FRUIT ST.  
CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

**MEETING MINUTES – October 5, 2015**

The October 5, 2015 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Charles E. Albee, DMD with the following members present:

Charles Albee, DMD, President  
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, Vice President  
Stacy Plourde, RDH  
Nilfa Collins, DMD  
Ellen Legg, RDH  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW

Absent: Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD  
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD

**PUBLIC HEARING – 3:00 p.m. –**

(Proposed Rule Notice #'s 2015-149 and 2015-150)

Direct Supervision, Organization of the Board and Docketing, Service of Documents,  
Application Procedures, Qualification and Supervision, Use of General Anesthesia and  
Sedation, Dental Assistant and Hygienist Duties, and Ethical Duties - #15-220  
#15-220, Atch I - DANB Comments for Rules Hearing

Dr. Albee opened the public hearing on proposed rule notice #'s 2015-149 and 2015-150. With respect to the DANB comments in its October 2, 2015 letter, the Board voted to refer this issue to the Dental Hygiene Committee. The Board voted to add the word “similar” to the language in Den 301.01(i). No member of the public made comments at the hearing. Dr. Albee closed the public hearing at 4:00 p.m.

WREB (Western Regional Testing Agency) – Dr. Bruce Horn, Director of Dental Examination Administration, made a presentation to the Board on the WREB exam and brought copies of WREB’s 2016 comprehensive treatment planning exam candidate guide and its 2015 dental exam candidate guide. He also answered questions by Board members. He explained that common provisions among examination agencies include candidate anonymity, published comprehensive candidate guides, calibration of dental examiners, a computer simulation exam, a diagnostic skills exam and a diagnostic treatment exam. WREB does not have a dental hygiene component diagnostic treatment exam currently. WREB is a patient based examination and will remain so for the foreseeable future. He will provide to the Board information regarding the ability of a hygienist who fails an exam to retake it later the same day. This issue is being discussed with respect to dentists.

Review public minutes of August 31, 2015 Board Meeting – The Board voted to table until its next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **1. Hygienists Committee**

- a. Minutes of July 6, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to table this as the Board has not yet seen the minutes since Committee approval.
- b. Minutes of August 31, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes.
- c. Hygienists Committee Comments – Margaret Ray advised that the Committee has reinitiated its research with the respect to the issue of whether hygienists should be able to prescribe fluoride in public health settings.
- d. Hygienists Committee Recommendation - Dental Hygienists Duties - #15-221- The Board voted to change the word “examination” to “assessment” in paragraph number 4 of document #15-221. The Board voted to put the Committee’s recommendation change in the next rules package, as amended.

#### **2. Hygienists’ Association Comments - none.**

#### **3. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised the Board of the following: Dr. Peter Welnak (NHDS President), Dr. John Ahern (NHDS President-Elect) and he are continuing their Presidential Component visits. Last week, they were in Hanover for the Grafton-Sullivan meeting, and will visit Salem, the North Country and Concord later this month. The Society continues to play an active fundraising role in helping develop the EFDA program at the NHTI. The NHDS has appointed Dr. Laurie Rosato as its representative on the SB 56 Commission on Infectious Disease Reporting. She has already played an active role in last week’s Commission meeting. The ADA First District Caucus is next Friday and Saturday in Nashua. The ADA Annual Meeting is November 5-11. NHDS is hosting its annual Fall/Winter Business Meeting on November 13 at the Grappone Conference Center. The featured CE speaker is Dr. Maria Ryan, who will present “To Head Off Disease Start at the Top: Oral Systemic Connections”. NHDS Foundation is hosting its annual CE event on November 20 at the Red River Theatre. The featured speaker will be Dr. Nathaniel Treister, who will present “Oral Pathology and Oral Manifestations of Systemic Disease, Including HIV”.**

#### **4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB) Comments – Stacy Plourde reported that the CDCA recently held a strategic retreat for its Board members.**

#### **5. Board Office Comments – The Board’s Executive Director advised that she recently spoke at the September 24, 2015 meeting of the International College of Dentists. She further advised that 100% of dentist licensees who are required to register with the PDMP have done so. She also reported that the consolidation of the boards has happened.**

6. Discussion re: NH PHP (Professionals Health Program) (no document) - #15-222 - The Board voted to have active dentist licensees participate in the NH PHP.
7. Inspection Checklist/Key - LeaAnne Haney, RDH - #15-223 (see confidential memo in non-public #15-249) – LeaAnne Haney spoke about some of her concerns with the inspection checklist. After her presentation, the Board voted to accept the inspection checklist as amended, as follows:
  - #1 – change to read “all licensees must display current license in a conspicuous place in the office”.
  - #2 – change to “Hepatitis vaccine records available for clinical staff”.
  - #3 – she will ask if the licensee has a written protocol for managing medical or dental emergencies.
  - #11 – change “medical” to “exam” before the word “gloves”.
  - #15 – delete.
  - #35 – delete.
  - #44 – add the words “in a conspicuous place”.
  - add “documentation for qualifications/certifications for all clinical employees”.
  - add “fixer/developer recycling documentation”.
  - add “mercury amalgam trap and filters”

The Board also voted that when LeaAnne is pulling charts for a records audit, she will review 10 records for adults and 5-8 records for children (pediatric records).

8. Records Retention Chart - #15-224 – The Board voted to approve.
9. CRDTS (Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc) Examinations - #15-225 - FYI.
  - a. Comprehensive Treatment Planning Exam Guide - #15-226, also Atch I
  - b. Dental Hygiene Exam Guide - #15-227
10. SRTA (Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.) Examinations - #15-247, also Atch I and II - FYI.
11. Delaware State Board of Dentistry/Dental Hygiene Examinations - #15-248 - FYI.

Stacy Plourde volunteered to prepare for the Board a comparison chart of the above testing agencies' examinations.

12. Naloxone Statement - #15-250 – The Board voted to have its Executive Director draft a statement from the Board, similar to that issued by the Board of Medicine.
13. CPR Courses - #15-251 – The Board voted that there must be a hands-on component and will issue a declaratory ruling to that effect.

14. Inquiry re: NH requirements for dental assisting - #15-228 – The Board voted to advise Ms. Vasileva that the infection control and preliminary inspection of the oral cavity courses are given several times a year at the NH Technical Institute in Concord, NH. She can also take the DANB infection control course and pass the DANB ICE exam.

15. MLO Document Discussion (no document) - #15-229 - Tabled until the next meeting in order to obtain additional information.

SB 56 - Dr. Albee and Stacy Plourde advised the Board that they had attended the last meeting and that there will be additional meetings as the discussion on infection control is ongoing.

16. Informational – FYI.

- a. AADA Upcoming Annual Meeting (11/1/15 - 11/2/15)
- b. CTel Executive Telehealth Summit Fall 2015

### **LICENSURE AND REPORTS**

1. **DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Ahmad Alabbadi, DMD  
Mariam Qureshi, DMD  
Archana Selvaraj, DMD  
Tej Shah, DMD

Azeez Swarup, DMD  
Michelle Valpiani, DMD  
Meggan Wehmeyer, DDS

2. **HYGIENIST APPLICATION APPROVED**

Samantha Dunn, RDH  
Rebecca Dunton, RDH  
Jillian Joyal, RDH  
Amber Martel, RDH  
Whitney McClellan, RDH

Zrinka Orr, RDH  
Stephanie Perreault, RDH  
Rachel Prior, RDH  
Hannah Swiderski, RDH  
Robyn Welch, RDH

3. **PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION**

(a) Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist Applications - The Board voted to approve the applications and give certification to:

- #15-230 - Sue A. Higgins, RDH
- #15-231 - Julie C. Phipps, RDH
- #15-232 - Lissa A. Merrill, RDH
- #15-233 - Loretta L. Morrisette, RDH

The Board will remind each applicant that she must provide a copy of her collaborative agreement before working as a CPHDH.

- (b) #15-234 - The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report and send a letter of appreciation to:
  - Coos County Family Health Services
  - School Smiles

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permit -
  - Patrick Edmunds, DMD - #15-235 – The Board voted to approve Dr. Edmund's application for a permit and to advise him that his advanced cardiac life support certification is expiring in November of 2015.
- (b) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations - #15-236 – The Board voted to approve the facility inspection of David Rosania, DMD.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 6:35 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, the Board voted to go into non-public session by roll call vote because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.